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Fish for free in Delaware waters June 12 and 13

Have you been thinking of casting a line into that nearby stream or daydreaming about a sunny afternoon on the beach with your surf rod, but just haven't gotten round to purchasing your 2010 Delaware fishing license yet?

To celebrate National Fishing Week, June 5-13, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife invites you to test your favorite First State waters for a free taste of this year's fishing, clamming and crabbing season by holding free fishing days on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13. On these two days, anyone may fish in Delaware waters without a fishing license.

National Fishing Week festivities will also include the Division's 24th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at Ingrams Pond in Millsboro, Wyoming Pond in Wyoming's Town Park and the dog training area at Lums Pond State Park in Bear.

With the exception of this one weekend, resident and non-resident anglers between the ages of 16 and 64 fishing in any Delaware waters – including ponds, impoundments, streams, rivers, bays and ocean - are required to purchase a fishing license and display it while fishing. Clammers and crabbers are also required to have fishing licenses. Delaware residents older than 65 and both residents and non-residents under age 16 do not have to purchase a license. Licenses are required for non-residents age 65 and older.

Fishing licenses for Delaware residents cost \$8.50, while non-residents pay \$20 a year or \$12.50 for a seven-day license. Licenses may be purchased at DNREC's Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, or at any of more than 60 license agents located in sporting goods stores, hardware stores, bait and tackle shops and other businesses throughout the state.

The 2010 Fishing Guide, which includes complete details on licensing and exemptions, is also available from the DNREC Dover office, licensing agents and on the Division of Fish and Wildlife website.

To purchase a Delaware fishing license online, view the Fishing Guide, or for more information on fishing licenses, please visit the DNREC Fisheries homepage at www.fw.delaware.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Fisheries.aspx.

For other inquiries or further information, please call 302-739-9918.